# **Voices**

## Southern Ute Royalty

Quarterly Reports

**Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate 2011-2012** Yllana Howe



My name is Yllana Howe, I am Little Miss Southern Ute Alt. 2011-2012. I would like to let you know what I have been doing for the last 3 months. Well I have been learning how to Fancy Dance, I practice at home and at some of the Powwows I attend. I have helped out with the Royalty Etiquette workshops with the other Royalty and the committee. I attended the Denver Indian Center Powwow on March 3rd, 2012. Next, I look forward to attending Denver March with my family and other Royalty.

Thank you, Yllana Howe Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate 2011 - 2012 **Junior Miss Southern Ute 2011-2012 Izabella Howe** 



I am Izabella Howe and Junior Miss Southern Ute 2011-2012. I have been doing some traveling this month with my family and Little Miss Southern Ute Alt. (my little sister). I have attended the Denver Indian Center Powwow on March 3rd,2012 in Denver Colorado. The powwow was small but the people were very nice. I would like to thank Tony EagleFeather for including myself and my little sister Yllana in her give away. I have also helped with the Etiquette workshops our Royalty Committee planned. My future plans are to represent at Denver March and Gathering of Nations. Thank you for your time,

Izabella Howe Junior Miss Southern Ute 2011 - 2012

# Express Your Opinions

**Pennies for Patients a success** 

Ignacio Elementary School students earned a total of \$1042.39 for the Pennies for Patients drive during the month of February.

of a friendship group at IES, sponsored the drive with the support of the school counselor. The girls paired off and chose a grade level to be responsible for.

They presented in each classroom, educating other students as to the importance of cancer awareness and assisting with the fight against cancer. Ten third-grade girls, as a part Elementary students brought change and bills from home using cardboard carrying cases provided by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Leukemia

and Lymphoma Society.

The top earning class brought in over \$200 in less than three weeks! We have an extraordinarily generous student body and community, who in the past 30 days demonstrated a simply remarkable sense of empathy!

> Cindy Phillips Ignacio School District

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#### Who am I?

#### Digging deeper into the Trinity of God

By Tim Yaw Nuuciu Bible Baptist Church

Hasn't our investigation into the source of genuine love revealed so much about our living and active Creator?

So far, we have learned who God is and his desire for his human creation by using reason, which led to factual evidence. This makes the secular notion that Christianity is simply "blind faith" unacceptable.

Past articles have proven that God has a personality which he has revealed to us through the design and wonder of nature, the complexity of his living creatures and by his walking with his creation as the God-man, Jesus Christ. These attributes of intelligence, power and compassion all center around love, because that's who God is: love.

This investigation evidenced his love as being sacrificial by putting other's needs and feelings before his own. When we entered this world with a nature bent toward sin, we fell under condemnation of God because we violated his standards of moral living. We saw previously that the penalty for these prideful violations is eternal separation from God, unless the problem is rectified.

Only a sinless human can have the desired relationship required by God. Because of God's perfect righteousness he is not able to fellowship with righteous imperfection. On the basis of his wondrous love, God compassionately left his realm of glory and entered into his unholy creation as a sinless man, Jesus Christ, in order to take on himself the sin of mankind and pay the death penalty for that sin.

Quite an act of sacrificial love, wasn't it? Through belief in this action of atonement and a willingness to turn from our sin and turn to God, mankind is reconciled into the desired relationship with God. Several issues back we found that when this belief in Jesus is genuinely confessed, the Holy Spirit of God indwells the believer by enhancing, enlightening and empowering him or her.

So, previously having found out about our true self by answering the three universal questions of our existence (Where did I come from? What is my purpose? Where is my soul going after my body dies?), let's look deeper into this creator who sacrificed for us and desires to be personally known and loved.

We established early in our investigation that by definition and reason there can only be one God and in the last issue we proved there is only one way to have a loving relationship with him. With this in mind, let's look into how God accomplished his plan of reconciliation with mankind.

God is eternal (not limited, as humans are, to time, matter, energy and space) and he exists within himself. God's nature centers on love and is manifested to us through three persons who all consist of the same nature. These persons are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Theologians refer to this as the Holy Trinity. Imagine a circle, which we will call God and his sphere of love. Inside the sphere are the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit existing in love. We can call the Father the lover, the Son the lovee, and the Holy Spirit the spirit of love. Keep in mind that these persons exist of the same nature of God and are equal to each other because they are God.

Through this love, God used the Father to create humans in his image.

Because humans were created in God's image, let's now add mankind to the sphere of love. Satan, who is a created spiritual being, was created originally through love but became prideful resulting in his desire to be God. In an attempt to control the Father's human creation, Satan successfully tempted the first man and woman into thinking they could also be God.

This prideful act severed the loving relationship with God because the man and woman then loved themselves more than God. This caused them to be ejected from the sphere of love and every human born since is born outside of the sphere because of their prideful nature, making them unrighteous and separating them from a relationship with God.

Because it requires a sinless human to be in a relationship with God, in an act of sacrificial love, he sent the Son, Jesus Christ, to be that sinless man. Jesus took on himself the sin of all mankind and died with that sin, reconciling man to God.

Previously we found that Jesus was 100 percent man while being 100 percent God when he walked the earth. After his sacrificial death and burial, God bodily raised Jesus from the grave and he now mediates between man and God. Genuine belief in Jesus' act makes us righteous in God's sight.

When people believe and put their faith in the Son's atonement and choose to let God live through them, the Holy Spirit enters into that believer and becomes the righteous life of which the human soul is incapable. He controls the unholy desires of the soul as well as the depraved desires of the physical body.

God's Holy Spirit also strengthens believers, enabling them to resist the evil temptations of Satan. This reconciliation to God is called salvation because prideful humans are saved from the torment of being separated from God forever.

Now we can place genuine believers back into the sphere of love where God originally intended them to be. You see, we exist under a law of opposites, which means for everything there is an exact opposite. The opposite of light is dark, the opposite of hot is cold. So if there is good, there has to be evil. If there is a sphere of love (and there is, it's called Heaven), there is also a sphere of hate (it is called Hell).

We have proven, because of pride in ourselves, humans are not good, thus making us evil. Remembering that the soul is the real person and if our evil soul is not rectified by admitting our shortcoming to God and believing in his plan of salvation, the unregenerate soul will spend forever inside the sphere of hate.

God has proven himself to you through this investigation and now it is your responsibility to receive his generous gift of reconciliation, which is the only way that allows him to share his sacrificial love with you.

#### Birthday wishes and more

Happy 13th Birthday Son! We love you!! Love, Mom, Dad, Brother,

and your 3 crazy sisters!





Happy 17th Birthday Son!! We Love you!! Love, Mom, Dad,

your sidekick brother Serg, and your 3 wild sisters!

#### Song of the Fifth Nation

I will not fight you and I will not hate you I am a warrior and not a victim, Take what you want from me-I will laugh that I have something left And I will stand my ground I take my pain to the Creator-You will find that there is no pain that can fell me.

Fate will not deter me I choose who I am, And I choose what I do. Your control will not unhinge me, I am a man/woman and I am a warrior God's beauty has expressed itself in me.

In this world that conspires to distract us From the truth of the unseen-That shrinks our traditions Into dust that blows away We will not fall into decay-My ancestors have danced beyond what exists, We are descended form the Creator And I will be no victim, Regardless of what is left of me.

I strengthen myself To prepare for the war of being different, Purity of heart, of mind, or will-I am walking soundly on the earth I have the will to survive The directions call out to receive me. I will leave my woundedness behind.

Focus Fast Dance Pray-We choose honor, The Creator calls to those who listen And we will bring this world a new destiny.

I am descended form warriors I choose to bring that back to me I call back the power that has been left behind We will walk away from this fight-And decided that we become across this space and time, We have the power to be free.

There are no victims, only warriors-Who stand on this earth and ask the Creator to honor what we are And protect what we become. We have our ways and we own our struggles-We can find our own way home.

> Wendy Walton 2002 (With love to those who fight these battles) wendywalton@rocketmail.com

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